

**What is Claimed is:**

1. A ladder for climbing adjacent a generally vertical member including:
  - a. a pair of laterally spaced, longitudinally extended stiles serving as side elements;
  - b. a plurality of laterally extending rungs secured at their ends to said stiles and spaced therealong;
  - c. standoff means arranged on one side of said stiles and rungs to abut with the vertical member and position said stiles and rungs a predetermined distance from the vertical member; and,
  - d. strap means connectable to said stiles and rungs at a first location and of a length to be connected to the vertical member and connectable to said stiles and rungs at a second location whereby the ladder is secured at such predetermined distance from the vertical member.
2. The ladder as set forth in Claim 1 wherein one end of each of said stiles is provided with connector means to receive a next stile end therein whereby a ladder of selective length constructed of a selected number of stiles may be provided.
3. The ladder as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said stiles and rungs are provided with strap receiving members to receive a strap therethrough.
4. The ladder as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said strap means are provide with shortening means to provide means to tighten the ladder to the vertical member and hold the same at a predetermined distance therefrom.
5. The ladder as set forth in Claim 1 and said strap means being removably securable to said

stiles and rungs

6. The ladder as set forth in Claim 1 where at least one of said strap receiving members is positioned at the uppermost end of said stiles.

7. The method of securing a ladder to a tree or other vertical article for climbing thereof, which ladder includes at least one longitudinally extending spaced stile and transversely arranged rung members, including the steps of

- a. securing one end of a strap to an upper end of said stile;
- b. securing the strap to the article to be climbed; and,
- c. securing the other end of said strap to another portion of said stile.

8. The method of securing a ladder to a tree or other article as set forth in Claim 7 and said strap encircling the tree or other article and having one end thereof connected to an upper end of a stile and the other end thereof connected to a lower portion of said stile.

9. The method of securing a ladder to a tree or other article as set forth in Claim 8 and additional straps for securing to said stile at intermediate portions of the lengths of the stile.

10. The method of securing a ladder to a tree or other article, which ladder includes a pair of longitudinally extending, laterally spaced stiles and transversely arranged rung members, including the steps of:

- a. securing one end of each of a pair of straps to an upper end of each of said stiles;
- b. securing the straps to the article to be climbed; and,
- c. securing the other end of each of said straps to another portion of said stiles.

11. The method of securing a ladder to a tree or other article as set forth in Claim 10 and said straps being secured to the article by encircling the same and having the other ends thereof connected to a lower portion of the other of the stiles.

12. The method of securing a ladder to a tree or other article as set forth in Claim 10 and

~~additional straps for securing to said stiles at intermediate portions of the length of the stiles.~~

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